

In this place it may not be unnecessary to make a short digression, lest from the success of *Honestus*, in only three evenings harmless amusement, it may incite some unthinking youths, allured by the gaudy embellishments of the theatres, and the luxury in which those who rise to any degree of eminence in their profession live, to launch into that way of life.

But far be it from the Editor's intention to draw such characters in amiable lights. It is here introduced as a circumstance which happened not many years since in real life, and to shew, than it is in the power of an overruling Providence, to permit the greatest incidents to follow the most trivial circumstance, when set about with a virtuous intention.—God may, and sometimes does, bring good out of evil, but it is no part of our duty to do evil that good may come of it—But to proceed:

From that day *Honestus* was universally taken notice of; he was admired and esteemed by all ranks of people; not the greatest on the island were ashamed of being seen in his company, and, in a few months, through a series of good fortune, he found himself one of the most eminent of his profession on the island.

The change of his fortune did not change his heart: duty, love, and gratitude were  
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firmly rooted in it. The situation in which he had left his parent; love for one who adored, and to whom he had promised marriage, when in England, and gratitude towards those friends who had assisted him the means to place him in that way, rushed at once like a torrent on his mind.

To discharge these obligations, immediately occurred to him on this transition of fortune. He accordingly, by the first vessel that for England, sent over a remittance to the expence of his mother's past and wants, settled a genteel annuity on his life, and discharged every obligation received from his friends; with a letter acquainting the object of his wishes, the situation in life was changed for the better, requesting her to embark as soon as possible to complete his happiness.

On the return of the vessel, *Honestus* his joys completed, as it not only brought the women he loved, but the news that his mother was restored to her senses, he returned to England; that his unhappy mother had been long since dead, and that the situation which he had on his mother, would render them independent of the world, and their situation in life as comfortable as it was in his absence.

Soon after the arrival of his bride, the nuptial ceremony was per-